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 METHODS OF PREPARATION)
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 SAID SUSPENSION)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the
 above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 - 21.

Please add the following new claims 22 - 46 as follows:

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An aqueous suspension of precipitated silica,
 which solids content is between 10 and 40% by weight, which
 viscosity is lower than 4×10^{-2} Pa.s at a shear rate of 50 s^{-1}
 and wherein the amount of silica present in the supernatant
 obtained after centrifuging said suspension at 7500

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